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A group of young artists in Brownsville, Brooklyn, spent the summer painting a mural that encompassed the diversity of their neighborhood. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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"You have to go against everything that is negative and think about positive things."

Sean Turner, Brownsville mural painter

The melting pot

Ray Kelly / GETTY IMAGES

NYPD reminds officers that Indians are Asian

The New York Police Department found it necessary last week to issue instructions reminding its officers that crime suspects having Indian heritage are to be classified as Asian, not American Indian.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly released a memo that addressed a recurring issue with "incorrect racial identification." In several cases that were flagged by the police department's Quality Assurance Division, officers mistakenly identified Indian people as being American Indian or alternately identified them as being Asian and American Indian.

"Incorrect racial identification` impacts the department's data collection, results in inaccurate information being reported by the department and can affect the subject of the reports," the memo read.

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Local artists and members of the community join together for the unveiling of the mural at Straus Street and Pitkin Avenue. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Painting up a new idea of Brownsville

Positive change. A mural painted by teens examines the beauty of the neighborhood.

A good deal of attention has been paid to the Brownsville neighborhood in Brooklyn over the last few weeks, after a 16-month-old baby boy was shot in the head as his father pushed him in his stroller across Livonia Avenue.

Brownsville is known as one of the city's toughest neighborhoods when it comes to gun violence.

There are many in the neighborhood who are trying to change that, however, and recently a group of young Brownsville residents unveiled a mural they spent the summer painting.

The mural, on the corner of Straus Street and Pitkin Avenue, is the work of several groups.

Many of the youth came to the project through the Brownsville Community Justice Center.

Dashawn Hayes, one of the young people who worked on the mural, said the experience was "an awesome adventure."

Sean Turner, another young Brownsville resident who worked on the project, noted that this is his second Brownsville mural.

He said he really believes in the ability of projects like the mural to have a positive affect on the neighborhood.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, so we can't expect Brownsville to change in a day," Turner added.

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Come together

The mural is an effort between a community mural organization called Groundswell, the Department of Transportation, the Pitkin Avenue Business Improvement District, Brownsville Community Justice Center and artist Chris Soria.

- Chris Soria said the idea came about through workshops and brainstorming with a group of 15 youth.

Election. Bloomberg says he won't endorse in the mayor's race

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he won't make an endorsement in the race to replace him.

"I don't want to do anything that complicates it for the next mayor and that's one of the reasons I've decided I'm just not going to make an endorsement in the race," he said in his weekly appearance on "The John Gambling Show."

While Bloomberg said this decision jives with his desire to focus on running the city, some political pundits have suggested the mayor feels his endorsement could hurt rather than help his choice, whoever that is.

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City streets

Pedestrian, 27, dies in hit-and-run

A woman was killed while crossing a road in a hit-and-run Sunday morning.

Maria Dulce-Valencia, 27, was crossing a service road in the Bronx when she was hit by a black sedan.

The driver fled the scene, police said.

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In the Bronx. Man in wheelchair dies after fire in his apartment

A handicapped man died of smoke inhalation from a fire in his Bronx apartment building early Saturday, officials said.

The fire broke out just after 6 a.m. in the wheelchair-bound man's fifth-floor Colden Avenue apartment in Bronxdale.

After authorities arrived, the man was removed along with his female relative. They were both taken to Jacobi Medical Center.

The man, who has not been identified, was pronounced dead.

His relative, who has also not been identified, was in critical condition at the hospital.

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Longevity. World's oldest man dies at 112 in New York state

The world's oldest man, a gin rummy-playing, one-time sugarcane worker born in Spain, has died at 112 in New York state, a funeral home said on Saturday.

Salustiano "Shorty" Sanchez, recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man, died at a nursing home in Grand Island, N.Y., the M.J. Colucci & Son Funeral Chapels said on its website.

Guinness said in June that Sanchez, who was also a construction worker, was the oldest man.

Sanchez credited his longevity to eating one banana per day and taking Anacin daily, according to a recent Guinness online profile.

He told Guinness that living so long was not a special accomplishment.

The greatest authenticated age for any human is 122 years by Jeanne Louise Calment of France.

REUTERS

In Queens

Drunk driver kills pedestrian in hit-and-run

Police said a 23-year-old drunk driver mowed down and killed a pedestrian before fleeing the scene in Queens Friday night.

Vishwanand Subryan was arrested after allegedly striking a 59-year-old woman around 7 p.m. in Richmond Hill, cops said.

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Cops shoot bystanders in Times Square chase

The police officers saw a man that was trying to get hit by traffic. / GETTY IMAGES

Wrong place. Two police officers shot at a man who they thought was pulling a gun on them.

Chaos erupted near Times Square when two NYPD cops shot at a man who pretended to point a gun at them and struck two innocent bystanders instead.

Glenn Broadnax, 35, was being pursued by the officers after acting "erratically," weaving in and out of car traffic at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and W. 42nd Street around 9:35 p.m. Saturday.

An officer observed Broadnax attempting to be hit by a car and tried to take him into custody.

Broadnax put his hand into his pocket, pretending when he removed his hand that it was a gun, cops said.

One officer fired one shot and another officer shot twice, both missing Broadnax. Instead, two shots struck bystanders. They are both listed in stable condition.

Broadnax was arrested and charged Sunday morning with menacing, obstructing governmental administration, criminal possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

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The bystanders

A woman, 54, was hit in the right knee and another bullet grazed a 35-year-old woman's left butt cheek, cops said.

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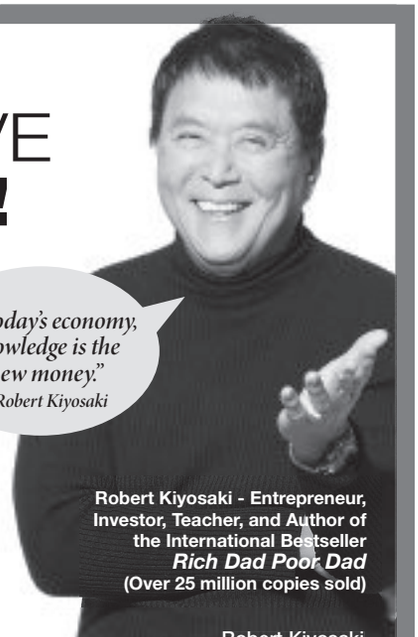

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In Williamsburg

Urban Outfitters seeks license to serve liquor

Urban Outfitters has achieved success in part by projecting a hip, edgy vibe, so it only makes sense that the retailer would up the ante when opening a new store in the Brooklyn neighborhood that claims to have invented hip and edgy.

Urban Outfitters / GETTY IMAGES

As part of its foray into Williamsburg, Urban Outfitters is seeking a liquor license, raising eyebrows in an area still not sold on its arrival.

The company filed the application with Community Board 1 for its new branch under construction on N. Sixth Street. It's is slated for review on Oct. 3.

"I can't think of a circumstance for which it would be appropriate for Urban Outfitters to have a liquor license," City Councilman Stephen Levine, told The Daily News. "We must ask ourselves, 'Do we really want people drunk when they are buying their skinny jeans and ironic T-shirts?'"

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The dispute has to do with new school textbooks. / GETTY IMAGES

City disputes claims that schools lack supplies

School brawl. The United Federation of Teachers says that the city hasn't provided the resources needed for new standards.

Schools have been open for only a week, and the Department of Education and the teachers' union are already at odds with each other.

The United Federation of Teachers says that a preliminary survey for this school year that they conducted has found that "most schools are still missing all or part of the materials they need to teach the new common core curriculum."

According to the UFT, 125 school chapter leaders "whose schools ordered outside curriculum approved by the [Department of Education]" were surveyed. Of those, 80 percent said that they lacked reading materials for the new common core curriculum, and 65 percent said they lacked math materials.

The DOE, however, said that this report "is not accurate."

"All 1.6 million textbooks and teacher guides have been delivered," a DOE spokesperson told Metro.

The DOE offered to look into reports of missing materials, but the UFT did not respond to an inquiry for the names of specific schools that were supposedly lacking supplies.

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School days

The new school year started on Sept. 9 for students in New York City.

- A survey by the United Federation of Teachers said that most public schools hadn't received the materials to teach the new Common Core learning put into place for this year.
- The vast majority of states already use the Common Core learning standards.

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NYC gears up to tally uncounted election ballots

Race for Gracie.
The Board of Elections will tally up 78,000 uncounted votes.

Bill Thompson / BESS ADLER, METRO

The city's Board of Elections will begin tallying thousands of paper ballots from the primary elections Monday.

As candidates Bill de Blasio and Bill Thompson await final results, an estimated 78,491 paper ballots have yet to be counted, a Board of Elections spokeswoman said.

The uncounted votes are critical in the Democratic mayoral primary, where de Blasio teeters on avoiding a runoff election with Thompson.

As it stands, de Blasio has 40.33 percent and Thompson has 26.3 percent of the vote, with 99 percent of precinct reporting. If de Blasio ultimately has less than 40 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be held Oct. 1.

Thompson said in Harlem Sunday that his campaign is still "waiting to see the count" before making a decision about dropping out of the race.

Still uncounted are some 21,000 valid absentee ballots, more than 45,000 affidavit ballots and more than 10,000 emergency ballots, according to the same estimate.

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Pride is on parade at Harlem fest

Parade-goers and marchers celebrated in the streets of Harlem at the annual African American Day Parade that place on Sunday afternoon. The grand marshals of the largest black parade in the United States were the Rev. Al Sharpton, David Dinkins and Mayoral Candidate Bill Thompson, among others. Mayoral Candidate Bill de Blasio and his family also rode on a float. Organizations and groups came from 12 states to take part in the festivities. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Old friends

Two killed in motorcycle crash in Queens

A man and a woman were killed on Saturday when the motorcycle they were riding collided with an SUV in Astoria, Queens.

The SUV was reportedly making a U-turn at the intersection of 20th Ave. and 24th St. when the motorcycle crashed into it.

Michael Fernandez, 32, the driver of the motorcycle, and his passenger, 36-year-old Jennifer Manthorne, were pronounced dead on the scene, police said.

The SUV driver, a 56-year-old woman, was taken to Elmhurst Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition. The investigation is ongoing.

Friends and family told NY1 that Manthorne and Fernandez were old friends.

"It's terrible, I mean they're two young kids," their neighbor John Morales said.

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Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov shake hands at the end of a press conference in Geneva. / GETTY IMAGES

Assad government hails 'victory' in arms deal, troops attack

Pact. The Syrian government has told the UN it will adhere to the chemical weapons treaty.

Syria's government hailed as a "victory" a Russian-brokered deal that has averted U.S. strikes, while President Barack Obama defended a chemical weapons pact that the rebels fear has bolstered their enemy in the civil war.

President Bashar al-Assad's jets and artillery hit rebel suburbs of the capital again yesterday in an offensive that residents said began last week when Obama delayed air strikes in the face of opposition from Moscow and his own electorate.

Speaking of the U.S.-Russian deal, Syrian minister Ali Haidar told Moscow's RIA news agency: "These agreements ... are a victory for Syria, achieved thanks to our Russian friends."

Though not close to Assad, Ali was the first Syrian official to react to Saturday's accord in Geneva by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Bridging an angry East-West rift over Syria, they agreed to back a nine-month U.N. program to destroy Assad's chemical arsenal.

The deal has put off the threat of air strikes Obama made after poison gas killed hundreds of Syrians on Aug. 21, although he has stressed that force remains an option if Assad reneges. U.S. forces remain in position.

Russia still opposes military action but now backs possible U.N. sanctions for non-compliance. REUTERS

Negotiations

Deal could offer lesson for Iran talks

President Barack Obama disclosed in a television interview that he had exchanged letters with new Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and said diplomacy on Syria, backed up by a military threat, is a potential model for negotiations on Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

In an interview on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," Obama did not reveal details of the letter exchange, but made clear that U.S. concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions are a "far larger issue for us" than Syria's chemical weapons.

Skepticism

GOP questions whether deal with Syria has enough teeth

Leading U.S. Republican lawmakers voiced skepticism yesterday about whether a deal to remove Syria's chemical weapons could work without a credible threat of force pressuring the Syrian government to comply.

The agreement, reached on Saturday after talks between the United States and Russia, calls on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to account for his chemical stockpile within a week and allow for international inspections by the middle of next year.

"If the president believes, like I do, that a credible military force helps you get a diplomatic solution, they gave that away in this deal. I'm really concerned about that," Mike Rogers, the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, told CNN.

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ABC interview. Obama will deal on budget, but not on debt limit

President Barack Obama, in an interview broadcast yesterday, blamed conservative Republicans for a stalemate on the budget and insisted that while he is willing to haggle over taxes and government spending, he will not make a deal would that would impose conditions on increasing the debt limit.

With a possible government shutdown looming in two weeks, Obama said on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" that it is up to lawmakers to work out a budget.

He insisted the budget should contain enough spending to help support economic growth and said he will not allow Republicans to attach conditions to raising the $16.7 trillion U.S. borrowing cap.

"We've presented our budget," Obama said. "Now it's the job of Congress to come up with a budget that keeps our long-term trends of ... reducing the deficit moving forward, but also allows us to invest in the things we need to grow."

Obama said trading cuts to his signature healthcare program in exchange for an increase in the nation's borrowing limit is not an option. REUTERS

Investigation

Man fatally shot by police may have been seeking help

An unarmed man who was shot dead after running toward police in Charlotte, N.C., may have been just trying to get help after crashing his car, police said.

A woman called 911 after Jonathan Ferrell began knocking insistently on her front door at about 2:30 a.m.

Officers arrived, finding Ferrell a short distance from the woman's house. Ferrell started running toward them.

One officer unsuccessfully fired a Taser at Ferrell, but he kept running. Randall Kerrick, another officer, then shot Ferrell several times with his service weapon, killing him, police said.

The police department has placed all three officers on administrative leave while they investigate the shooting. REUTERS

Another woman missing and feared dead in Colorado floods

The rain flooded out hundreds of homes in Weld County, Colo. / GETTY IMAGES

National Weather Service. Some areas have seen more than a year's worth of rain in just a few days.

Colorado officials warned yesterday the death toll from the week's severe flooding could rise as it was confirmed that a second person was missing and presumed dead, in addition to four deaths previously verified.

The 80-year-old woman had been at home with an injury when the building in which she lived was destroyed, the Larimer County sheriff's office said on its Twitter feed yesterday.

Previously, authorities had confirmed that a 60-year-old woman was missing and presumed dead after witnesses said they saw her mountain home swept away. Their names have not been released.

Those two are among hundreds who remain unaccounted for, although officials said the bulk of those missing are listed as such because they do not yet have working telephone service.

"We're still bracing. I mean, there are many, many homes that have been destroyed," Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said in an interview with CNN yesterday.

Officials have already confirmed four deaths since rainfall began flooding the usually semi-arid region nearly a week ago. REUTERS

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About 500 people were still unaccounted for in two flooded counties.

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Engineers, insurers on edge as Costa Concordia salvage nears this week

When salvage teams begin hauling the wrecked Costa Concordia liner upright on the Italian island of Giglio this week, the financial stakes for insurers will be almost as enormous as the awe-inspiring feat of engineering. According to reinsurer Munich Re, the overall insurance loss from the accident could surpass $1.1 billion. As much as half of that may be swallowed up by the cost of the salvage operation. "I think now it's the most expensive wreck removal operation in history," said Rahul Khanna, a former tanker and bulk carrier captain and now a senior marine risk consultant with the shipping insurance arm of Allianz. REUTERS

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Saudi prince to hold Twitter stake IPO by early 2014

Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal says he will not sell any of his shares in microblogging site Twitter when it goes public and expects the firm's IPO to hit the market later this year or in early 2014.

The prince, a nephew of Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah and owner of international investment firm Kingdom Holding, invested $300 million in the social media giant in late 2011.

"Clearly the speed they're moving with shows that they would like to IPO sooner than later. I believe it will happen either this year or early next year," Alwaleed told Reuters in a telephone interview yesterday.

"Twitter is a very strategic investment for us. We believe that it is just beginning to touch the surface. We have invested $300 million in the company. We will be selling zero, nothing, at the IPO." He did not say whether he might buy new shares in the offer. REUTERS

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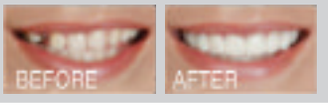

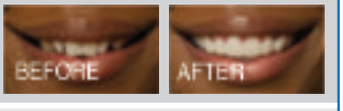

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Poll: Five years after Lehman, anger at banks

Disagree. As many as 44 percent believe the government should not have bailed them out.

The anti-Wall Street sentiment bodes ill for the sector. / GETTY IMAGES

A few years ago, Larry Summers, then the director of President Barack Obama's National Economic Council, held a private meeting with some of Wall Street's top bankers and executives. Although the worst of the financial crisis was over by then, Summers — who until yesterday was a candidate to be the next chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve — chastised bankers for being out of touch, saying they didn't understand how angry average Americans were with them, according to a participant in the meeting.

A spokeswoman for Summers said it sounded like something he might have said, though she did not provide more specific confirmation.

Five years after the collapse of Lehman Brothers and two years after the start of the Occupy Wall Street movement, Wall Street has drastically changed under an onslaught of new regulations and by some accounts become more conscious of its image on Main Street.

Still, a new Reuters/Ipsos poll shows Main Street animus against bankers and their role in the financial crisis persists. **REUTERS**

Economics

Obama accepts Summers' withdrawal from Fed chair consideration

President Barack Obama said yesterday he has accepted the decision of his former top economic aide Lawrence Summers to withdraw from consideration as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

"Larry was a critical member of my team as we faced down the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, and it was in no small part because of his expertise, wisdom and leadership that we wrestled the economy back to growth and made the kind of progress we are seeing today," the president said in a statement.

The U.S. dollar fell across the board today following reports that Lawrence Summers had withdrawn his name from consideration to be the next Federal Reserve chairman.

The dollar fell to around 98.80 yen in early Australasian trade, after the Wall Street Journal reported that Summers, considered by many in the market to be the more hawkish of the two candidates to head the Fed, withdrew. The dollar had been trading around 99.30 yen beforehand. **REUTERS**

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"I will always be grateful to Larry for his tireless work and service on behalf of his country." Obama

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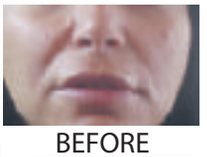

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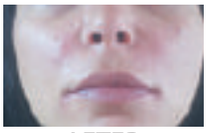

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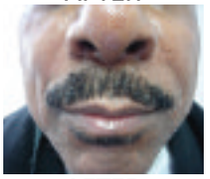

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3 The three horsemen of the apocalypse?

Jionni LaValle and Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi invited their close friend — the media — to help celebrate their son's first birthday. Little Lorenzo Dominic LaValle had his first birthday party on Saturday in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. This is the second first birthday party for the little boy — the couple threw a pirate-themed bash at the end of August for him.

1 LeBron got married

LeBron James is a married man.

The basketball star married Savannah Brinson, his high school sweetheart, on Saturday in San Diego. The star-studded guest list included Beyonce and Jay Z as well as James' teammate Dwyane Wade and his girlfriend Gabrielle Union, as well as NBA players Chris Paul and Carmelo Anthony.

2 Meghan McCain on her new show, 'Raising McCain'

Meghan McCain, 28, chatted with reporters on Thursday night at the premiere of her new docu-talk series, "Raising McCain." The cheery platinum blond says she is already bracing for the backlash. "The second episode hasn't even aired on feminism and it's already being attacked on websites, so I guess everything I do is controversial," she said about the series, which has McCain exploring various topics such as bullying and feminism through experiences in her own personal life and in conversation with other young adults. "People love me and people really love to hate me."

McCain's father, former presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, did pop up at the premiere (an hour and a half late, mind you) but didn't answer any questions. But that doesn't mean he isn't a fan. "There are things that I've said and done in the past that he doesn't love, but I think my dad would be more upset with me if I were a wallflower that didn't speak my mind," she told reporters. "I'm lucky — my parents are weirdly supportive of my career. I don't know why."

MEGHAN MCCAIN
GETTY IMAGES

— with reporting by Anisa Arsenault

Talking points

A Twitter break-up for Hemsworth and Cyrus

This can't be a good sign. In the wake of renewed rumors about Liam Hemsworth and January Jones getting cozy, Hemsworth's fiancee, Miley Cyrus, has unfollowed him on Twitter, adding to speculation that the couple of four years may be in trouble.

West gets charged with battery

Kanye West has been charged with misdemeanor battery and attempted grand theft stemming from his brawl with a photographer in July. "We are very gratified to learn today that the L.A. City Attorney has chosen to criminally charge Kanye West," Gloria Allred, the attorney for Daniel Ramos, said.

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New film highlights unseen New York

Interview. Andrew Dosunmu talks about shooting "Mother of George" in Brooklyn.

Growing up in Nigeria, the photographer and filmmaker Andrew Dosunmu would watch movies set in New York. When he came to live here, he was surprised by how much of the city never made it to films. "It's like, 'How come I don't see this New York?'" he says. "It's always Times Square and all that."

That just left more for him to shoot himself. Following 2011's "Restless City," the new "Mother of George" was filmed in Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood. (Though there are scenes also shot in Bed-Stuy and East New York.) "I love the diversity of [Brooklyn]. It's so different, each neighborhood."

The line on Brooklyn is that it's being swallowed by gentrification. Dosunmu doesn't think it's gotten that far. "It's changing, but it's still got that core. There's still a sense of neighborhood, community, family. Most places, when they change, you lose that community aspect of it. Brooklyn still retains that. It's not like the Lower East Side, where no one who lived there 20 years ago can afford to live there. Change actually makes for a nice blend," he says. "You go down Franklin Avenue — there's a new wine store, but there's a Jamaican place next door."

"Mother of George" is set entirely among a Nigerian community, with few outsiders. "Every culture's got its oasis in this metropolis. You go into a neighborhood and you think you're somewhere else. You go to a friend's neighborhood, they're Balkan or Indian, and you think you're in that place. You come out the door and you realize you're in New York. I really wanted to capture that intimacy."

The images in "Mother of George" are primary, but there is a plot: Danai Gurira ("The Walking Dead") plays a woman who has trouble getting pregnant by her new husband (Isaach de Bankole). The screenplay was written by playwright Darci Picoult, who was asked to avoid the usual stamp of a writer: words. "I told her to write in images before she wrote with words," Dosunmu recalls. "Most screenwriters say, 'Those are my words, don't take my dialogue away.' She wasn't like that."

Dosunmu still values his thespians. "With actors, it's about spending time with them prior to the film," he says. "Spending time doesn't mean rehearsals. It just means hanging out, exposing them to my world. That could be going to a concert or a flea market. I want their performances to be organic, something that is not forced."

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Shooting

Visions of light

The images themselves were shot by Bradford Young, who also lensed "Pariah," "Middle of Nowhere" and "Ain't Them Bodies Saints." Young and Dosunmu's photographs shared similar traits. "Brad said he wanted to make it almost sci-fi in a way," Dosunmu says. As with Young's other work, the lighting is very dim. "I like the fact that half the image is lost into darkness. It makes the audience sit up. It's not like a supermarket's fluorescent lights, fully lit."

Andrew Dosunmu filmed "Mother of George" in parts of Brooklyn.
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His sharp voice (think Peter Gabriel or Steve Winwood) cuts through the fog of dark arrangements on his most recent release, "I Walk," which is sung in English.

"There's a certain melancholic taste to it," Gronemeyer says, "but I'm a very optimistic person — and when we play, we're very outgoing."

The first song on the album is "Mensch," which he has reason to imbue with melancholy.

"I had quite a catastrophe in my life in the late '90s," he says. "My brother and my wife died in the same week. ... I tried to sing this song to say that [my friends] really helped me through these days."

One friend who helped out with the English version of this song was Bono.

"He said, 'Why don't you send me some playbacks? I'll try to hum something,'" says Gronemeyer. "And then what came back was 'Mensch,' fully sung! ... So I created this duet out of it."

Lost in translation

Not going to hassle the Hoff

Gronemeyer says he loves the friendliness he finds in the U.S.: "I like the positive, and almost childish spirit of America. It sounds disrespectful, but it's not. It's like you're friends until you prove different, and in Europe it feels like it's the opposite way."

One thing Americans don't have right, however, is the perception of Germany's love for David Hasselhoff. "I don't want to say anything wrong about this, but it's more this American view that Hasselhoff made it in Germany," he says.

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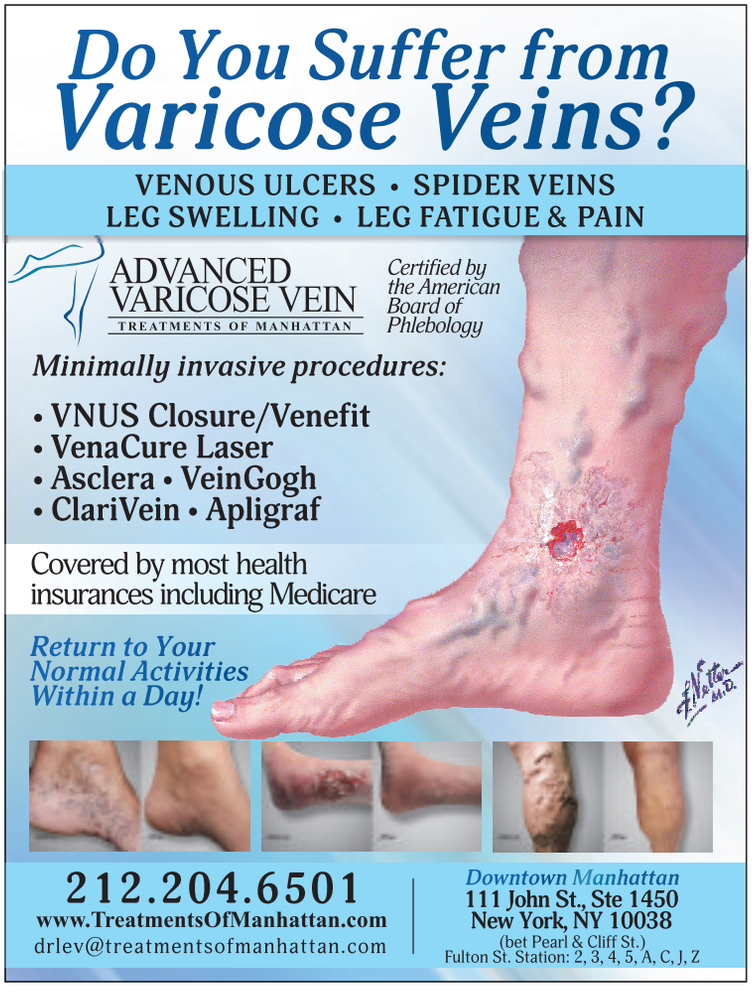
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'Insidious' sequel earns top spot

Danielle Bisutti plays a scary ghost in "Insidious: Chapter 2."
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This weekend kicked off with Friday the 13th, which moviegoers celebrated by heaping millions upon "Insidious: Chapter 2." The sequel to the low budget 2011 hit, it attracted an impressive $41 million over its first three days. By contrast, the first made $54 million in its entire run.

Second place went to an even gorier film: "The Family," starring Robert De Niro as an ex-mafioso whose violent family comically terrorizes the small French town in which the feds have placed them. Co-starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones, it scared up $14.5 million, proving to be one of De Niro's better lead performances of late.

Last weekend's winner, "Riddick" — a three-equel for the character Vin Diesel first played in 2000's "Pitch Black" — dropped to third place, with only $7 million in ticket sales. The sci-fi thriller cost $38 million to produce but has so far only accumulated $31 million in sales.

The top five was rounded out by the undying duo of "Lee Daniels' The Butler," which crossed the $100 million line after five weeks in release, and "We're the Millers," which crossed the $130 million line after six weeks.

The surprise hit "Instructions Not Included" continued to hold on, ranking No. 6 for the weekend with $4.2 million. At a $26.5 million total, it is the second highest grossing specialty release of 2013, after "Blue Jasmine," which itself brought its total this weekend to $27.8 million.

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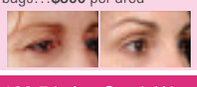
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‘Dancing’ pro Karina Smirnoff on her sizzling new workout

Fitness. Before tuning in to tonight’s premiere of “Dancing with the Stars,” learn how the pro stays svelte.

Karina Smirnoff does the samba in her new video. / LIONSGATE ENTERTAINMENT

“Dancing with the Stars” pro Karina Smirnoff is running from a wardrobe fitting to show rehearsals when we catch up with her. It’s only a few days before tonight’s new season premieres and the professional ballroom dancer breathlessly declares her excitement: “It’s a crazy week. The new show has lots of new elements that we are all learning. It’s very exciting; it’s going to be so much fun.”

Anyone who has watched the show and seen Smirnoff in action knows that dancing can be a super-effective way to work out. Smirnoff and fellow pro Kym Johnson are behind the best-selling fitness DVD “Dancing with the Stars: Latin Cardio Dance,” and are now back with its follow-up, “Dancing with the Stars: Sizzle & Groove Latin Dance,” which was released earlier this month.

The DVD features Smirnoff and Johnson teaching exercise routines adapted from the show for a full-body, high-cardio workout that anyone — even those with two left feet — can do at home and get results.

“Latin dancing is the most incredible workout and you don’t feel like you are exercising — it’s more fun than going to the gym,” says Smirnoff. “You’re burning more calories too. The testament is that every celebrity who comes on the show either loses weight or tones up and they always say that’s the best part of doing it.”

Unlike what you might be doing at the gym, Smirnoff says that dancing works multiple muscle groups simultaneously.

“When you go to the gym you really concentrate on single muscle groups. When you do yoga, it is repetitive poses. Dancing works every muscle, and also, you’re not exercising at the same rate continually, so your heart rate is going up and down. It’s great cardio. And you’re having fun and looking sexy. It’s the only workout where you look sexy,” Smirnoff says with a giggle.

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Her diet

‘Making good choices’

The Ukrainian native’s workout routine includes yoga, which she calls “an hour and a half of pure torture!” Smirnoff sticks to a mostly non-meat diet, but otherwise isn’t too rigid in what she eats. “I think that a healthy diet means making good choices. Having a piece of cake and then running it off is OK, but having a piece of cake before going to bed means it goes straight to your butt.”

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The best produce picks for right now

Nutrition. Snap up these fruits and veggies before fall officially arrives.

Some summer produce is still in season.

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September brings with it pumpkin spiced lattes, fall foliage and a bit of a nip in the air, but it's not quite time to wave goodbye to the produce we've been relishing all summer.

"We're right at the end of summer harvest, so some of those fruits and vegetables that we've enjoyed are still in season," says Libby Mills, MS, RDN, LDN, a Philadelphia-based spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "We've got through the end of September to enjoy tomatoes, summer squash, basil, arugula, green beans and cantaloupe. Stock up and enjoy them."

And though time is of the essence for those items, the change in season means we're in the center of growing season for other fruits and vegetables, like eggplant, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and endive.

Of course, autumn is synonymous with apples, and while Mills is all for adding them to your fall diet, just be sure to give them — and all other produce you stock up on this season — a good wash.

"It's absolutely very important to wash all your produce, no matter what," Mills says. "We sometimes think, 'Oh, it's from a farmers market, it's cleaner' — maybe, maybe not." Indeed, your farmer might be spraying the produce with pesticides, and it's easy to forget that produce comes into contact with dirt and animals.

But don't feel like you have to buy one of those fancy vegetable washes to get your goods clean: "You really don't have to go that far," Mills says. "You can use just a light, soapy solution. Make sure you rinse it really well." For a natural wash, she recommends 3 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar in a gallon of water.

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Organic

Talk like a farmer

A major benefit of visiting farmers markets is that "you get to talk with the producer and ask them specifically how that product is grown," Mills says. Then, you can weigh that information against your own values. Some sample questions to ask: Do they use pesticides? How often? Do they mix organic and inorganic farming methods? If the answer to that last question is yes, don't fret. Some produce — like anything with a peel and anything not grown in the ground — is OK inorganic, because pesticides are less able to seep through. And don't be put off if you don't see an organic label at your farmer's stand — that label costs a pretty penny for a small farmer. Your produce might still "be in as natural a state as it can be," Mills says.

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A YOGA SEQUENCE TO FORGET ABOUT WORK

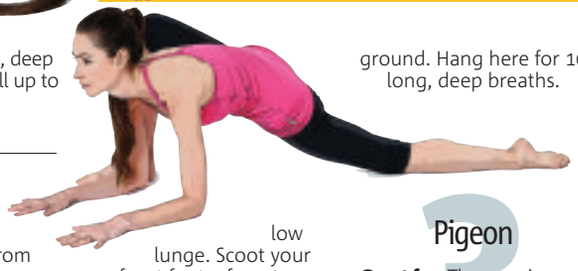
Nine hours at the office equates to a tense back, tight hips and a screwed-up neck. Deepak Chopra's yoga teacher, Tara Stiles, shows us how to loosen up and unwind at home. Do this four-step sequence to slowly start to open up your hips, shoulders and spine. **ROMINA McGUINNESS**

1 Standing Forward Bend Shoulder Opener

Great for: Opening up the hamstrings and shoulders. It will help you recover from "desk slump" and calm your mind.

Get into it: Stand with your feet hip-width apart. Soften your knees. Interlace your hands behind your back. Inhale and lift your chest up. Exhale and fold over your legs. Relax your arms over your head. Hang here for five long, deep breaths. Gently roll up to stand.

2 Lizard



Great for: Hips get crazy tight from sitting. This move releases tension in both the hips and the spine.

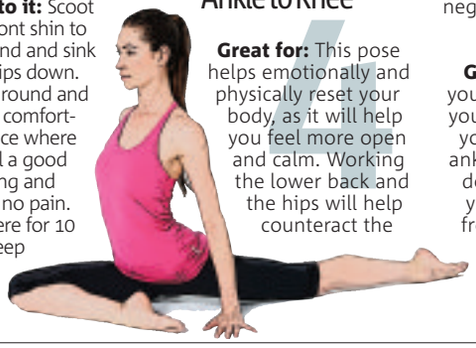
Get into it: Come into a low lunge. Scoot your front foot a few steps away from your midline. Relax your back knee to the ground and soften your forearms to the ground. Hang here for 10 long, deep breaths.

3 Pigeon

Great for: The pose is most relaxing and awesome as a follow up to Lizard. It releases tension in the hips, back and mind.

Get into it: Scoot your front shin to the ground and sink your hips down. Move around and find a comfortable place where you feel a good opening and there is no pain. Hang here for 10 long, deep breaths.

4 Ankle to Knee



Great for: This pose helps emotionally and physically reset your body, as it will help you feel more open and calm. Working the lower back and the hips will help counteract the negative effects of sitting at a desk all day.

Get into it: Sink into your front hip and bring your back leg around to your front. Stack your ankles and knees. If this doesn't feel great for you, slide one leg in front of the other leg for a softer version. Hang here for 10 long breaths. Then switch sides.

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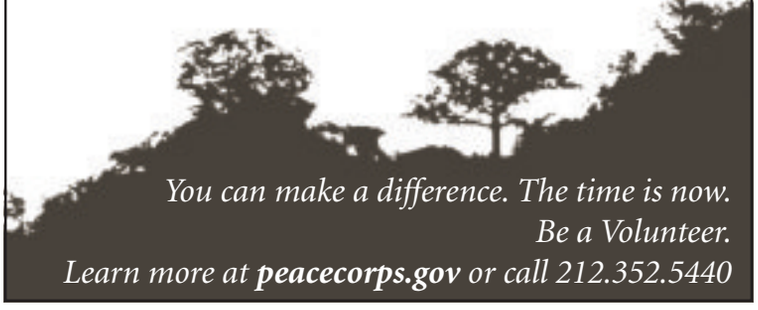

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LONG TRAINING RUNS AND OTHER ACTS OF BRAVERY

On the Run

JIM CARROLL

Jim Carroll has been a New Yorker for more than 15 years, but is about to experience one of the most quintessential New York experiences for the first time: the ING NYC Marathon. Join him each week on his journey to the finish line on Nov. 3

This past weekend, I participated in the Three Bridges Run, a marathon-training long run put on by the New York Flyers running club (go Flyers!). The point of a long run is to gain confidence by running long miles (around 20) and to experiment with taking in water and nutrition gels. It's also about getting comfortable with the pain that these miles will surely bring. I liken it to going to a dentist for a voluntary tooth extraction — why not just wait for the real thing?

In the first few miles of a long run, runners strike up conversation. Most are total strangers, and the conversation is light, helping to keep our minds off the long, torturous miles ahead. It's like strangers on an airplane whose final destination is pain and suffering, or like a cocktail party in hell.

During this race, I struck up conversation with one of our pace group leaders who resembled an action figure. Not surprisingly, he turned out to be an ex-drill instructor. I told Drill Instructor Rob that I may wear my Red Sox jersey for the marathon, at which point he told a brief story of how when he was in Vietnam, circa 1972, they would know if Viet Cong were in a village by how the locals treated them. I took this as a cautionary tale, considering the marathon course goes through the Bronx.

Other than the possible loss of my life, topics like strategy came up. Race-day course strategy is a hot topic amongst marathoners. Having a strategy seems very important, a basic requirement.

My original strategy was to make friends with the course, treating it like a golden retriever, with the hope it would guarantee an injury-free marathon, while requiring as little effort as possible. Drill Instructor Rob made the course sound more like a sleeping bear, one yawn away from ripping off my face and snapping my Achilles tendons. I prefer the golden retriever idea.

I do, however, have an excellent exit strategy: Fake injury, save face. Or perhaps play dead, which apparently works with bears as well.

The run went well until mile 15 when I paused at a water station for too long. My legs cramped up pretty quickly and I found myself lagging behind the pace group. At this point, a fellow runner slowed down and gave me a few words of encouragement, which helped me find the energy I needed to stay with the group all the way to the end of the run. It was a nice, gentle moment of caring. (God, I hope Drill Instructor Rob isn't reading this.)

Maybe on Nov. 3 the course will be both friend and enemy — more like a race-day "frenemy," one I can enjoy the company of, all the while staying on guard for backstabbing. And perhaps, in the end, my race day strategy will be simple: "Just have fun."

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Series aims to keep dropouts in school

Television. A six-part show brings celebrities in as professors for at-risk students.

Swizz Beatz works with at-risk students. / SUNDANCE CHANNEL, JC DHEIN

Students are starting a new school year, and one of educators' biggest challenges is keeping them there — and hopefully funneling them toward college. One new documentary, the Sundance Channel's "Dream School," highlights what they call a dropout crisis. The six-part series follows students as they learn from an array of celebrities, from musician and producer Swizz Beatz to financial guru Suze Orman and director Oliver Stone. The 15 Los Angeles students, all ages 17 to 18 — a pivotal age where students traditionally decide to drop out or stay in school — were either expelled or had dropped out, and each professor tries to spark their interest. We spoke with Dr. Steven Keller, a California superintendent involved with the series, about how the students reacted to their unusual education atmosphere.

What are some of the challenges of keeping kids in school?
First of all, family engagement. Moms, dads, uncles, aunts, grandmothers, grandfathers, need to hunker down with their family members and engage their family members. As a family and as a country, we need to take ownership of each and every kid to really push them and motivate them to get to school each day and check in on them when they get home from school, make sure they have some accountability when the kids get home, whether a potential dropout or not. The second piece, of course, is funding. There needs to be more funding specifically for kids that are earmarked as potential dropouts. We as educators need to look at restructuring and reforming how we serve this population. And then the last piece is, we as educators need to assess what works and what doesn't work and adjust and make changes and reflect on our practice. So there are certainly three layers to it that play into this.

What are some of the reasons students give for dropping out?
"My parents, my brother, my mom and dad, don't go to college, and they're doing fine." Usually the excuse a child will give — a student will give — is not reaping the monetary benefits, that they know plenty of people who didn't go to college and didn't necessarily graduate who are making plenty of money. … [But] we know plenty of people who make a lot of money who are miserable, absolutely miserable in their lives.

Did anything surprise you in making this documentary?
I think the celebrity teachers genuinely wanted to connect with the kids. All of them really do. They were nervous, even scared. They would constantly ask for feedback. I'm not saying they all performed brilliantly, I'm just saying they all took their craft seriously. … No one showed up thinking they were going to wing it.

What different types of styles did students respond to?
Suze Orman came in with business to make. She was ready to go, she was not going to play any games. You'll have to see. The students clearly respond to that style.

What do you think could most help students who can't participate in something like "Dream School"?
I think the most powerful message for potential dropouts is, find that person in your life, whether it's a friend who's achieving academically, family member. … Seek out an adult, it doesn't mean it has to be a millionaire or somebody who has a great job, but somebody you admire, somebody you respect, somebody who does want to better him or herself, somebody who is basically hungry, who wants to move ahead and not just to have a new car or a new house but who really wants to change the world and make it a better place. Everybody knows somebody.

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Risk factors

What are some of the symptoms of someone who might be at risk of dropping out?

A lot of people look at traditional data. On the other hand, we look at other factors. We look into attendance. We actually look at social emotional assessment with kids, to find out how engaged they are at school. Do the students feel a sense of purpose at school? [Does each student] feel he or she can express his or her opinion in class and to a school educator? Those indicators tell you a lot.

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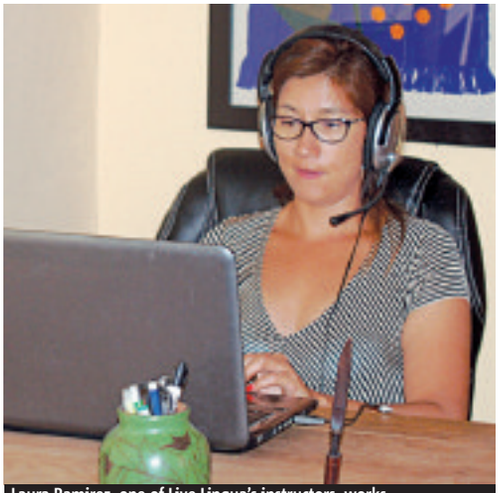

Laura Ramirez, one of Live Lingua's instructors, works in her "classroom." / RAY BLAKNEY

Skype has already revolutionized the way more than 50 million registered users communicate with faraway friends and family. Now, the web-based video-calling platform may just be poised to overhaul foreign language education as well. If used correctly, Skype-based language lessons can help students hurdle barriers like location, money and time to meet their personal language goals.

Ray Blakney started Live Lingua, one of the world's top Skype-based foreign language immersion schools, in 2008. While learning Spanish through the immersion method in the Peace Corps in Mexico, Blakney came to understand the importance of communication practice with native speakers. Skype helps learners connect with them.

"It's amazingly similar to a one-on-one class," Blakney says. "It really feels like you're sitting there talking to these people. You don't have to sacrifice that much." Live Lingua offers several languages and dialects, and most students are taught spoken communication. Instructors can diagnose their needs as they go. Most students start with at least some spoken proficiency — including Blakney himself, who is brushing up his rusty Turkish with Live Lingua.

For students whose focus is more on grammar, reading or writing, Skype coursework does have its limitations. Joseph Miranda, founder of NoteFull, started his company to prepare students for the TOEFL exam. TOEFL is an advanced English proficiency test required for non-native speakers to study or practice in the U.S. NoteFull uses Skype for tutoring sessions, but relies primarily on other web teaching materials.

"Skype doesn't lend itself to presenting information," Miranda says. "Coupled with a website, then it becomes effective. For writing, you'd be texting back and forth." Still, it offers major scheduling advantages for busy adults: "Skype is on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So it lends itself to flexibility."

Liliana Novikova, a multilingual foreign language teacher based in Ukraine, agrees that Skype lessons are best for non-beginners. For them, teachers prefer a textbook they can point to, or to draw pictures and examples. And at any level, lessons can be sabotaged by spotty Internet connections. "It's rarely infallible," Novikova says. "Most classes are interrupted at least once."

Despite Skype's shortcomings, Novikova is still pleased to connect with students she otherwise couldn't. "It offers complete geographical freedom. But students and teachers still feel connected to each other, and they can achieve almost the same progress as they would face-to-face."

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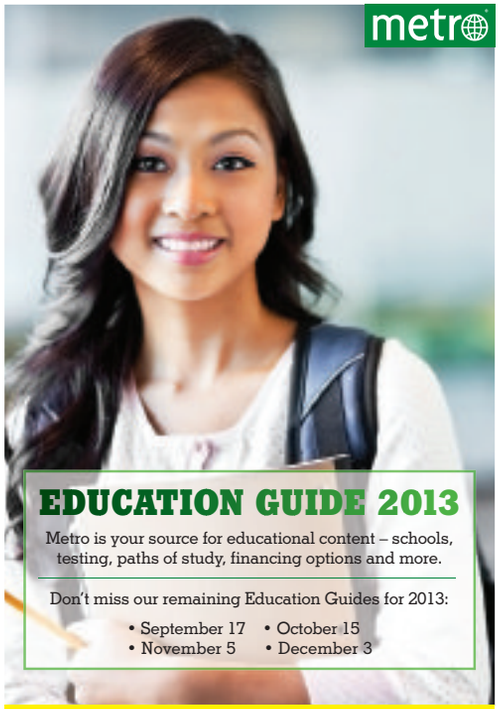
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It can be hard to diagnose some teens with ADHD. / GETTY

Recognizing signs

What should students look out for?

The best thing they could do would to take the adult screener on our website (www.adhdawarenessmonth.org). The World Health Organization has a screener for ADHD. They can take the screener as a starting point. It doesn't take the place of a proper diagnosis, but it's a starting point. In the colleges, they could talk to a counselor or talk to the doctor.

Focusing on ADHD

Health. College students with ADHD can find specific resources to help them.

When people think of students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, they might think of a boy bouncing off a wall, unable to focus on his homework. But ADHD is much more complicated, say the people behind ADHD Awareness Month, coming in October with free webinars and info sessions. For students, ADHD can bring particular challenges, whether sitting through a lecture or juggling homework. We spoke with Michele Novotni, chair of the ADHD Awareness Month Coalition, to find out some of the misconceptions about ADHD.

What are some of the myths about ADHD?
We still have issues with people not thinking it's a legitimate disorder. We have a fairly large group of people who think it's not real. I think one of the problems is that most people can have ADHD-like symptoms some of the time. Somebody might forget their lunch, or somebody might be late for a meeting. Those things in the general world happen occasionally. For people with ADHD, making it through a lecture and really hearing what the person's saying on a regular basis is nearly impossible. ... Most of us, we do that automatically. For the clients we work with, they're exhausted by the time they do that part. Nothing is really automatic for them.

How do people try to convice you that ADHD is just a myth?
"It's normal behavior." "Everybody does it." "ADHD's just an excuse." Those are the common things that we hear. … There's two forms of [ADHD]. One would be the hyperactive, impulsive kind, and most people can recognize that — the kids that are jumping around, the adults that are moving around constantly. They're just a whirlwind of action. The ones that get missed a lot would be the inattentive. This is particularly true of women and girls. Most of them may have the inattentive kind of ADHD. [Skeptics] think if you're not hyperactive, you can't have ADHD. A typical boy jumping around is everybody's image, but adults can have ADHD, and most of the adults haven't been diagnosed yet.

What can colleges and universities do to help?
They could [make] getting the accommodations easier. Some of the schools require an expensive battery of tests. Overall, a number of the colleges do a pretty good job of letting the students sign up early for preferential classes, special tutoring and help with organization. It's important for the kids to pick a good college match for them. If they look at disability services, some have two or three people and all kinds of services, and some have one part-time person a few hours a few days a week. … If they're struggling with assignments, they could look into getting a coach. ADHD coaching is very helpful for a number of the students, because [before college] many of them have their parents helping to provide that structure for them. An ADHD coach can work with them. When I coached, I would get copies of their syllabus,

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Can women really 'have it all'?

Well-rounded. We turned to the pros for insight into this hot-button issue.

For women, juggling careers, children and relationships is a full-time job. / MOODBOARD

It's a debate that continues to wage war in our society, one that was brought to the forefront again with the release of Sheryl Sandberg's "Lean In": Can women really have it all? The perfect home, the darling children and the bustling career — can they be successfully juggled? And why is "having it all" a problem only women seem to have?

At a New York Women in Communications panel discussion on female leadership last week, women at the top of their game offered their opinions on the matter and advice for women trying to balance it all.

"You can't expect perfection," said Cathie Black, the former chairman and president of Hearst Magazines (who by the way abhors the phrase "having it all"). She referenced Oprah Winfrey's popular "Live your best life" quote, noting the importance of the word "your" in there.

"Life is about imbalance," she added. "There are choices you make."

One of those choices might be accepting that you can't do it all. Jeanine Shao Collins, the EVP and chief innovation officer of Meredith 360, recommended future leaders "be willing to delegate, and be OK with it." And Black added that hiring a nanny to watch the kids isn't going make them forget who their parents are.

Dustee Tucker Jenkins, the VP of public relations for Target, spoke on the importance of saying no and being in a career you truly love to help ease the daily burdens. She recalled quitting her reporter's job on the spot after she was sent to cover a murder case and realized journalism wasn't for her. She also emphasized the role that others play in helping you achieve your personal and professional goals. "Lean In," in her opinion, she said, means, "lean in and grab the hands of the women next to me. For me it means trying, failing, getting better, growing."

Debra Shriver, SVP/chief communications officer at Hearst, echoed the "Lean In" sentiments, encouraging attendees to "be engaged, be direct, be in the office when you're in the office, but have a 360 life." She recalled attending a meeting she wasn't invited to (and then running it!) and joked that "on some days I lean in so much [that] I need to lie down."

Cathie Black weighs in

Career tips

Black's one of the most respected bosses in the biz. Take her advice and watch your career soar.

Cathie Black / GETTY IMAGES

How to ask for a raise: "You have to have a reasoned approach," she says. "'I need more money' — that is not my problem. Look at the results: Have you done the job really well? Then you can ask for something."

How to stand out in meetings: Black calls the corner seat "the dead zone of the table." Speak up! "If you are going to show up, you are not a visitor — you are a participant in that meeting."

How to get ahead: "We're so polite, wanting to be liked," she says of women. "Let's push that paradigm upside-down. I don't think it's about being liked. You're really not in the job to find your new best friends."

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. If you want to avoid a potentially harmful misunderstanding, communicate your thoughts and plans honestly and in full detail.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You may need to make a compromise in order to keep the peace. Good fortune is within reach if you are willing to share.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You can offer your services, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Focus on the positive changes you can make at home.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Letting emotional issues interfere with getting things done will cause delays. Concentrate on what you can accomplish.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Education will be key today. Try to use your skills in diverse ways. Changing the way you approach your work will increase your earning potential.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Take an innovative approach to investments. Spend more money on your image, developing your skills or marketing.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Give everything you've got. Use your intelligence efficiently and you'll command newfound respect.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Refuse to let a minor problem turn into a major conflict. Go about your business and do whatever it takes to reach your goals. In the end, you will get your way.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You will have to jump through hoops to get help. Try to wrap up what you can on your own if you want to avoid wasted time.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. An unusual subject will capture your attention. Prepare to debate as well as begin friendships. Love will enhance your day.

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Letters

Take a kinder look at good ol'GMOs

Humans have been genetically modifying crops and livestock for thousands of years through selective breeding and the hybridization of plants. Genetic engineering is simply a much faster and more precise way of giving our food organisms the characteristics that we want them to have. Crops have been genetically modified to resist insect attacks, thereby reducing the need to use pesticides that harm the environment. Golden rice is genetically modified to contain provitamin A and is intended for distribution in poor, rural areas where nutrient deficiency is a huge problem. Sadly, some golden rice crops in the Philippines were recently destroyed by ignorant mobs who believed that GMOs were dangerous.

KELTON BARNSLEY, VIA EMAIL

In a nation where biotech and pharmaceuticals are leading the world industry, it's appalling that there are such academic inaccuracies. Does anyone understand that scientists aren't actually piecing together slices of DNA to create frankenfoods?

Have you ever heard of corn? That is a naturally occurring genetically-modified organism (as in, it didn't exist 500 years ago until a random cross-pollination mutation of maize and wheat occurred, and we simply kept growing it.) When it comes to apples, genetic engineering simply means cross-pollination, and selecting favorable phenotypes (aka physical descriptors). They are specifically selecting the larger to simply feed more people per apple. Genetic engineering in general isn't what its namesake and stigma lead most laymen to believe.

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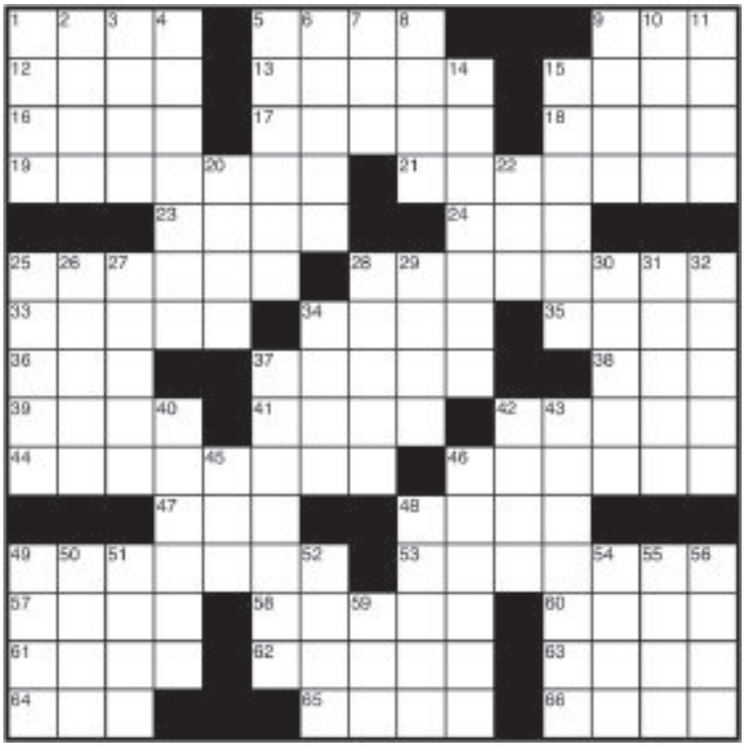

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Bowl-ed over: Giants lose to Broncos in Manning Bowl

NFL. Eli Manning threw four interceptions as the Giants fell to 0-2 to start the season.

The Manning brothers greeted each other after the Broncos defeated the Giants. Eli is now 0-3 against his older brother all time. / GETTY IMAGES

The Manning Bowl didn't necessarily live up to the pregame hype — at least from the perspective of little brother Eli Manning — as the Broncos throttled the Giants, 41-23.

The younger sibling, Eli, went 28-of-48 for 362 yards and a score, but also threw four interceptions, as the Giants (0-2) couldn't overcome their own ineptness, particularly on third down. New York went an appalling 1-of-11 on third down, including a horrid 1-of-8 effort in the first half.

We look at what went wrong for the Giants:

1 Older bests younger
Ever since Eli won his second Super Bowl — one more than big brother Peyton — there has been much debate about the younger sibling supplanting the elder in crunchtime moments. But yesterday's matchup proved Peyton Manning still has what it takes to put away a good defense when it matters. The elder sibling went 30-of-43 for 307 yards and two scores, while his younger brother struggled with errant passes and turnovers as he went 28-of-49 for 362 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions.

2 No rush
The Giants' running game once again struggled – a theme that's been rearing its head for years. David Wilson didn't give up the ball this time, but he wasn't the explosive runner and game breaker that Big Blue fans have hoped he'd be, as he was stymied in tallying just 17 yards on seven carries.

3 Slow start
The Giants failed to capitalize on the fact that Denver got off to its proverbial slow start (they only led 10-9 at the half) and the fact that the Broncos were missing starting cornerback Champ Bailey and All-Pro linebacker Von Miller is in the midst of a six-game suspension. They didn't take advantage of either players' absence.

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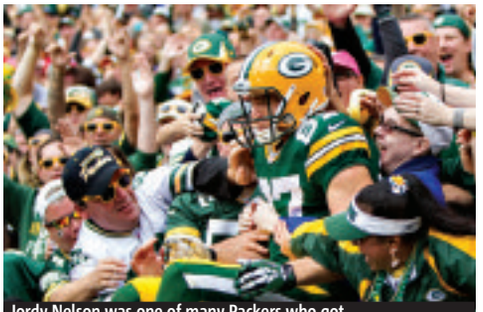
- **Bills 24, Panthers 23** E.J. Manuel got his first win with a touchdown pass to Stevie Johnson with two seconds left.
- **Bears 31, Vikings 30** The two teams combined for seven turnovers, but a Jay Cutler TD pass with 10 second left won it.
- **Packers 38, Redskins 20** Mike Shanahan is on notice after Aaron Rodgers led the Pack to a 31-0 lead and easy win.
- **Dolphins 24, Colts 20** Mike Wallace's complaining worked, as he finished with nine catches for 115 yards and a touchdown.
- **Chiefs 17, Cowboys 16** Dallas crashed back to Earth after their Week 1 win. They finished with 37 rushing yards. The 'Boys also fumbled twice late.



Jordy Nelson was one of many Packers who got to do the Lambeau Leap yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

- **Chargers 33, Eagles 30** Chip Kelly's offense managed only 59 plays, but it was a Nick Novak field goal with seven seconds left which won it for the Bolts.
- **Ravens 14, Browns 6** The Browns defense was impressive, if only their offense was too. Instead the defending champs won their first game.
- **Texans 30, Titans 24 (OT)** Arian Foster tied it up late and rookie DeAndre Hopkins made a nice TD catch just over five minutes into OT.
- **Cardinals 25, Lions 21** Rashard Mendenhall scored the game-winning 1-yard touchdown with 1:59 left to play set up by a pass interference.
- **Raiders 19, Jaguars 9** Sebastian Janikowski was 4-for-5 on field goals and the Jags had just 248 yards of total offense in the loss.
- **Saints 16, Bucs 14** The Saints had almost 100 yards more than the Bucs, but it took a Garrett Hartley 27-yard kick at the whistle to win it.

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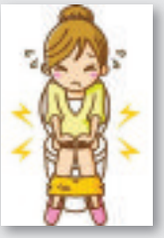

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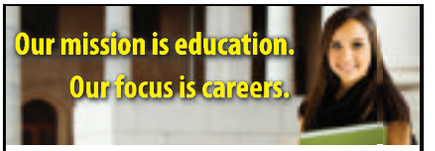

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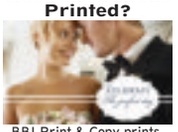

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